

# DRINKING WATER SYSTEM COMPONENTS NSF/ANSI 61



In 1984, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a request for proposals for independent, not-for-profit organizations to develop public health and safety standards and a certification program for products used to treat or distribute drinking water. As a result, NSF/ANSI 61 *Drinking Water System Components – Health Effects* was developed by a joint committee of industry experts, regulators, manufacturers and end users and published in 1989.

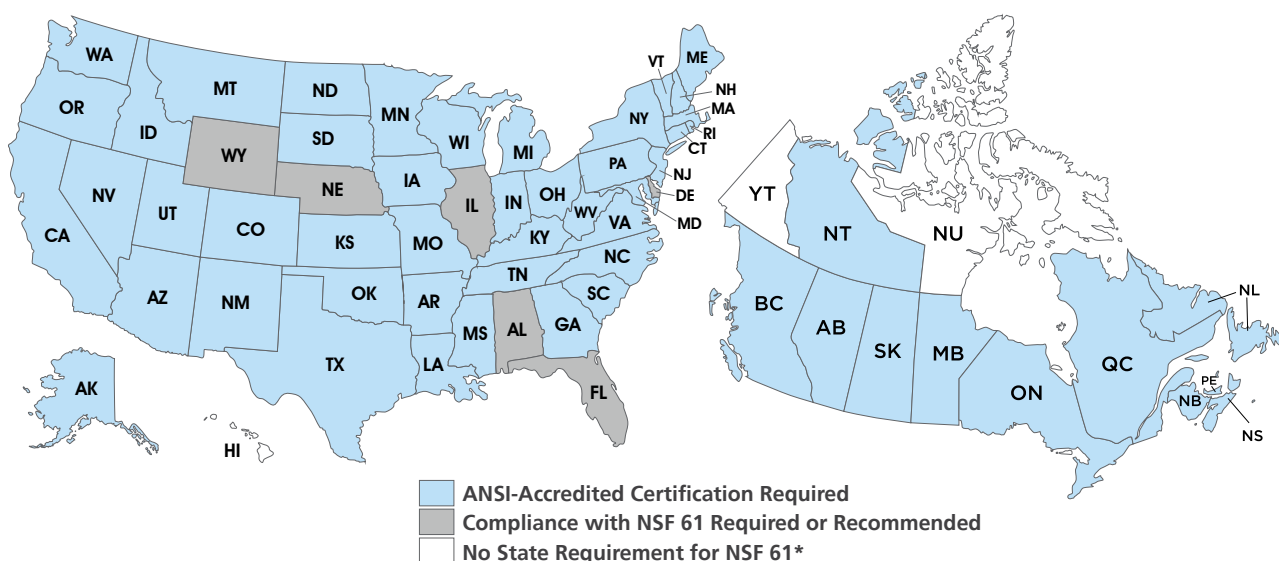
## WHAT TYPE OF PRODUCTS CAN BE NSF/ANSI 61 CERTIFIED?

Various products used in water treatment and distribution systems fall under the scope of this standard, including:

- > **Protective barrier materials (cements, paints, coatings)**
- > **Joining and sealing materials (gaskets, adhesives, lubricants)**
- > **Mechanical devices including treatment products (water meters, valves, filters)**
- > **Pipes and related products (pipe, hose, fittings)**
- > **Plumbing devices (faucets, drinking fountains)**
- > **Process media (filter media, ion exchange resins)**
- > **Non-metallic potable water materials**

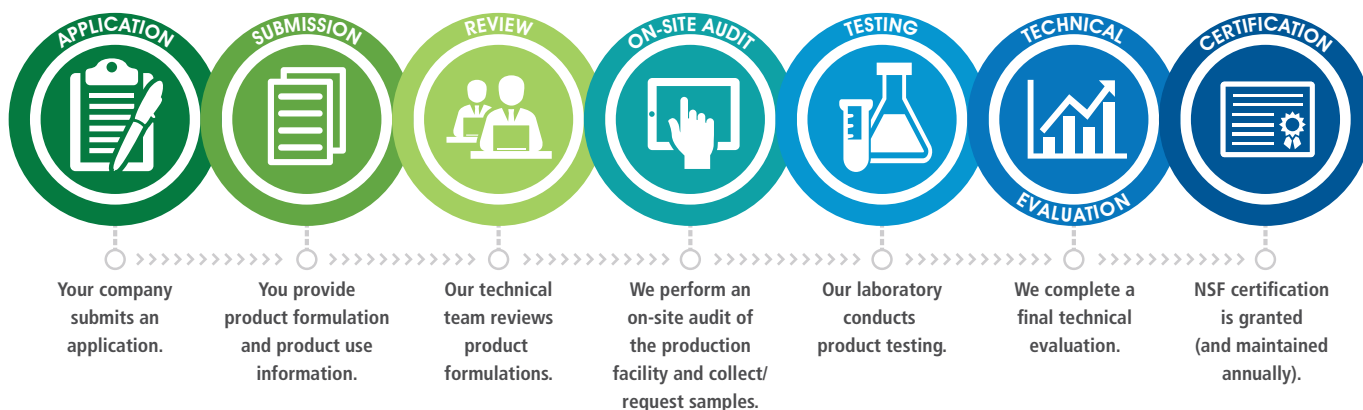
## REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Nearly all U.S. states and Canadian provinces/territories require drinking water distribution system components to show compliance with and/or certification to NSF/ANSI 61.



# STEPS TO NSF/ANSI 61 CERTIFICATION

The process to get your product NSF/ANSI 61 certified can be divided into seven steps:



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